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INSPIRING READS

"The New Asian Home," Kendra Langeteig's beautifully photographed book on architecture, is a must for those interested in the architectural trend of designing homes as sanctuaries, paying homage to a more natural "Asian" aesthetic.

With 180 pages of full-color and exterior photography, the Durango-based Langeteig profiles 23 innovative homes, including two from Mountain Village, inspired by the ancient architectural traditions of Asia. They range from the traditional to the modern, from a "multicultural" renovated 18th century farm house to a "kit" house adaptation of the traditional 16th century Japanese country house, as well as a vision for a 27-acre property in Napa Valley.

The book follows a natural trajectory, opening with a chapter featuring original interpretations of classic Japanese architecture, highlighting two master carpenters trained in the art of Japanese joinery, and culminating with a chapter featuring Asian-inspired modular houses that are rewriting the definition of "kit" houses with their flexible construction and low-impact ecological design.

There's even a resource list in the back of the book. It all amounts to a testament to the simple beauty of living in harmony and creating homes that have an "emotional connection to the living world." For info, gibbs-smith.com.



In "Thursdays with Mom and Michael," Anita Rosenberg pays tribute to her mother Elaine's illustrious Thursday night dinner parties in Aspen that feature chef Michael Rueggeberg's exquisite regionally inspired cuisine. This beautifully illustrated coffee table tome serves as an inspiration for aspiring hosts and hostesses with a passion for creating memorable occasions. With sumptuous photography, fun

and informative sidebars, drink specials, everything you ever wanted to know about napkin rings, and recipes for such globally themed parties as Birds of Paradise, Midnight in Morocco and Evening in Provence, even if you can never replicate Elaine's impeccable taste, you'll certainly be inspired to try. If you want to meet the author, Anita will be at several book signings throughout the Roaring Fork Valley. Visit anitarosenberg.com for dates and locations. —Hilary Stunda



BAG LADY

Local eco-conscious shoppers are snapping up a new brand of reusable totes called Saxsy Bags. These durable lightweight bags come in a variety of coordinating prints and tuck neatly into a purse or their own matching stuff sack. Old Snowmass resident Stephanie Heinecken launched the line last spring after learning that, worldwide, more than one million plastic bags are consumed per minute, while only one percent of those bags is ever recycled. Heinecken has since sold more than 1,200 of the colorful totes by word of mouth alone. Look for them this winter in local retail stores.

Heinecken says her goal is to do something good for the planet "by spreading a responsible environmental message through color, functionality and fashion."

After all, there's no law saying going green has to be drab. For more information, contact Stephanie@SaxsyBags.com

—Julie Comins Pickrell

